Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for performing a transaction between a legal entity A who has an approval to perform such transaction, and a legal entity B over a network, the transaction being initiated by the legal entity A,

~~wherein~~ comprising the steps of:

the legal entity A, associating the transaction with the verification insignia to verify the approval to the legal entity B ~~associates the transaction with the verification insignia~~,

the verification insignia being a unique transitory insignia valid for a single transaction and valid only for sufficient time to complete a transaction provided to the legal entity A by a legal entity C who thereby guarantees that the legal entity A has the approval,

~~the provision of~~ providing the unique transitory insignia to the legal entity A by the legal entity C being conditioned by the legal entity A providing to the legal entity C a secret identification code confirming the identity of the legal entity A to the legal entity C,

the legal entity B validating the unique transitory insignia, and upon positive validation, and only then, accepts the transactions, and

~~and~~ invalidating substantially immediately after the validation the transitory unique insignia ~~being invalidated substantially immediately after the validation~~.

2. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the validation is guaranteed by the legal entity C and wherein the legal entity C upon the guaranteeing invalidates the unique transitory insignia.

3. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein a first timestamp is recorded by the legal entity C, the first timestamp comprising the date and time of the provision of the unique transitory insignia to the legal entity A by the legal entity C.

4. (Previously Presented) A method according to any of claim 1, wherein a second timestamp is recorded by the legal entity A, the second timestamp comprising the date and time when the legal entity A, to verify the approval to the legal entity B, associates the transaction with a verification insignia.

5. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 3, wherein the unique transitory insignia comprises the first timestamp and/or the second timestamp.

6. (Previously Presented) A method according to any of claims 2, wherein the transitory unique insignia is invalidated by the legal entity C substantially immediately after a pre-specified time counted from the time recorded in the timestamp.

7. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 6, wherein the pre-specified time is between 10 millisecond and 5 minutes~~, such as between 30 seconds and 4 minutes, such as 2 minutes~~.

8. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the following events is recorded by the legal entity C:

— the provision of the unique transitory insignia,

— the association of the transaction with the verification insignia,

— the verifying of the correctness of the unique transitory insignia, and

— the time when the transitory unique insignia is being invalidated.

9. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the public network is the internet or any other public, semi-public, private or semi-private network.

10. (Original) A method according to claim 9, wherein the network is adapted to use a wireless application protocol such as the WAP protocol.

11. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the verification insignia is a provided to the legal entity A by the legal entity C over the Internet through a secure communication channel protected by the secret identification code.

12. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the unique transitory insignia has a unique identification number.

13. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the unique identification number is associated with a financial agreement between the legal entity A and a trusted partner of the legal entity C.

14. (Original) A method according to claim 13, wherein the financial agreement comprises the trusted partner of the legal entity C providing the legal partner A with a payment card.

15. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 13, wherein the unique identification number comprises at least a first and a second identification component, the first identification component identifying the

financial agreement and the second identification component identifying the legal entity C.

16. (Original) A method according to claim 15, wherein the second identification component is assigned to the legal entity C by a registration authority agreed between the legal entity C and a number of trusted partners of the legal entity C.

17. (Previously Presented) A method according claim 15, wherein there is an interdependency between the financial agreement and a disbursement account.

18. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the legal entity C is requested a payment entity B, the request being associated with the unique transitory insignia.

19. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 17, wherein the payment is withdrawn from the disbursement account.

20. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 14, wherein the unique number is selected in accordance with a unique number of the payment card.

21. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 14, wherein the unique number is selected in accordance with a unique issuer identification number of the legal entity C. or in accordance with unique identification number of trusted partner(s) of the legal entity C.

22. (Previously Presented) A method according to any of claim 12, wherein the unique identification number is selected from a pool of numbers agreed between the legal entity C and the trusted partners of the legal entity C, and wherein the number is released after the transitory unique insignia has been invalidated.

23. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the unique transitory insignia is comprised in a digital code.

24. (Original) A method according to claim 23, wherein the digital code is generated in a cellular phone, by means of a digital device provided by the legal entity C.

25. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 23, wherein the digital code is encrypted.

26. (New) The method according to claim 6, wherein the pre-specified time is between 30 seconds and 4 minutes.

27. (New) The method according to claim 6, wherein in the pre-specified time is 2 minutes.